# BBC Learning English Video Words in the News 17 September 2014 Message in a bottle



# **Transcript:**

Nobody likes junk mail...

But this pile of rubbish might contain just what Nicola White is looking for.

She **hunts** for messages in bottles on the **banks** of the River Thames in England.

Nicola's found over 30 in three years, including a **declaration of love** and an appeal for a job.

It seems, in this case, **bottling up** your emotions is a good way of sharing them.

# Vocabulary:

# junk mail

letters or emails, usually advertising something, which are sent to people who have not asked for them

### hunts

tries to find (something or someone)

#### banks

raised land along the sides of a river

#### declaration of love

announcement of love

## bottling up

hiding (negative feelings and emotions)

Watch the video online: Message in a bottle <a href="http://bbc.in/1t405Zc">http://bbc.in/1t405Zc</a>

# **Exercise:**

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

# junk mail / hunts / banks / declaration of love / bottling up

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1.	So a typical might be: "Older brother loves younger sister."  If, however the woman was older, it would be: "Older sister loves younger brother."
2.	Officials say people should complain to the Direct Marketing Association or the Office of Fair Trading if they continue to receive after requesting not to.
3.	Tens of thousands of people have lined the of the Qiantang River in China to watch the world-famous annual tidal bore.
4.	Police are for vandals who slashed 13 tyres on vehicles in Grouville belonging to a St Martin-based used car dealer.
5.	" these harmful emotions is the worst thing that we can do and

#### **Answers:**

 So a typical declaration of love might be: "Older brother loves younger sister." If, however the woman was older, it would be: "Older sister loves younger brother."

**Source:** Vietnam: Where saying 'I love you' is impossible http://bbc.in/1s4G6Vs

 Officials say people should complain to the Direct Marketing Association or the Office of Fair Trading if they continue to receive junk mail after requesting not to.

**Source:** Junk mail crackdown to see launch of website http://bbc.in/1tYim5f

**3.** Tens of thousands of people have lined the **banks** of the Qiantang River in China to watch the world-famous annual tidal bore.

**Source:** China tidal bore draws huge crowds along Qiantang River <a href="http://bbc.in/1AQZa8e">http://bbc.in/1AQZa8e</a>

**4.** Police are **hunting** for vandals who slashed 13 tyres on vehicles in Grouville belonging to a St Martin-based used car dealer.

**Source:** Jersey Police hunt Gorey tyre slasher <a href="http://bbc.in/1oUkpk2">http://bbc.in/1oUkpk2</a>

**5.** "**Bottling up** these harmful emotions is the worst thing that we can do and invariably makes matters worse," he said.

**Source:** Boxing trainer Gerry Storey backs mental health campaign <a href="http://bbc.in/1u1BxY5">http://bbc.in/1u1BxY5</a>